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Council majority overrules unions & signatures -- will fill vacancy by appointment

Wally Enos, president of the West Sacramento Firefighters Association, was joined by the president of the city's police officers union last Wednesday as he stood in front of the West Sacramento City Council. Enos said that volunteers had collected about 1,700 signatures from people urging the council to call for a special election to fill a council vacancy. The council's other choice was to fill the vacant council seat by appointing someone.

That's the route the council chose, in a polite but firm 3-1 split.

Council members Oscar Villegas and Carolyn Castillo Pierson spoke for the majority they held with Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, saying a special election in June to fill the last year and a half of the term of the open seat would be a "distraction" (although two years are left on the term, an election couldn't be held until June). Citing precedents in other cities that have council vacancies, such as Placerville, they argued that soliciting applications and choosing one would allow the city to better get on with business, and would save an estimated $35,000 in election costs.

Dissenting councilman Bill Kristoff said he supported holding a special election, and proposed a "compromise": Kristoff made a motion that the council ought to appoint someone to temporarily hold the council seat while scheduling a special election in June to allow voters to make a longer-term choice. But Kristoff's motion died for lack of a second.

Castillo Pierson moved to begin an appointment process for the vacant seat, and the motion passed with Kristoff casting a "no" vote.

The council has until December 30 to appoint someone to the vacancy or call for an election, although scheduling issues for the council effectively move that deadline up two weeks. The city is now soliciting applicants for the post.

Kristoff declined an offer to sit on the council's subcommittee of two to screen the applicants. Mayor Cabaldon then assigned himself and Villegas to perform that duty, prescreening candidates if necessary before bringing a handful back to the city council for public interviews. A majority vote of the four council members will be enough to select the two-year appointee.

Several police and fire union members murmured their disapproval during the discussion and vote, and said later that the matter isn't over.

The fire union is in contentious negotiations over its labor contract with the city, although union president Enos said that it was a concern for democracy, and not a labor issue, that drove the firefighters to participate in the petition drive.

The city council vacancy was created when councilman Christopher Cabaldon, serving a two-year term as "selected" mayor, won election to the city's first-ever position as separately-elected mayor last month. In taking over the new mayor's post, he vacated a seat on the council.

Anyone interested in applying for the city council seat should call 617-4500.



Pearl Harbor recalled —

Yesterday, December 7, marked the 63rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor that drew the United States into World War II.

On Sunday, Senior Vice Commander Gordon Work of the West Sacramento Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8762 placed flowers at Veterans Plaza on the city's River Walk Park (near the Tower Bridge) to commemorate the attack.

Photo by Savino Sanchez, VFW Post 8762

A dozen welcome mats



Twelve new signs at entrances to the City of West Sacramento sport the image of the Tower Bridge.

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon poses with one of the signs above, just west of the bridge itself.

The "welcome" signs are coordinated by the city's redevelopment agency.

Courtesy of Art Schroeder, City of West Sacramento

Library's plans are on hold

■ Supporters of plans to expand local library disappointed after second failure to win in competition for limited state bond construction funds

West Sacramento failed to win $7.4 million in state funds to pay for 65 percent of the construction costs of an expanded county library branch on Merkley Avenue. The bad news was due to statewide requests of over $586 million from a fund containing only $80 million.

Oscar Villegas, the city's vice mayor, said that the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board found that the local application was "very good," but needed to be ranked "outstanding." He said that the application, with strong support from the county and the local school district, had been improved over a similar application in 2003, which had included less support pledged from the school district.

He also noted that the grants' criteria seemed weighted against "infill" projects and towards "urban sprawl" type library projects: they required large pieces of land for expansion capability and large parking lots. West Sacramento's library expansion plans involved the possibility of building up, in a downtown area, and locating near planned mass transit. Villegas said he hopes the city can help get the criteria modified in the next cycle to allow for "smart growth" library projects such as West Sacramento's.

The new, 25,000-square foot facility is planned for Merkley Avenue near West Capitol, adjacent to the current Arthur F. Turner Branch Library.

"There are compelling reasons for building a new library in West Sacramento," said Mary Stephens, county librarian. "West Sacramento is the fastest growing area of Yolo County. It has the most economically disadvantaged and economically diverse population in the county, and the lowest level of educational performance and attainment."

Stephens noted that the revised grant application had included a pledge to create a "Family Learning Center" at the new library in conjunction with the school district. The center "would have added a homework center and a family literacy center for students and their families to work together," she stated.

The city of Winters, also in Yolo County, came away empty-handed from the grant cycle as well. Winters had asked for $2.9 million to help fund a site at its high school campus.

This week in local government

The **West Sacramento City Council** will meet in open session at 7 p.m. tonight at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Among the items on the agenda:

Approval of a parcel map at Jefferson and Gateway; consideration of reorganization of the parks and recreation department; public hearing on amending the general plan regarding non-conforming uses on South River Road between the freeway and the barge canal; amendment of fee schedules for various city uses; establishment of a special tax district for "The Rivers" (formerly Lighthouse); and a proposed development agreement for Bridgeway Lakes II.

The school board of the **Washington Unified School District** will meet in open session at approximately 7 p.m. Thursday at the West Sacramento Civic Center. New board members Barry Kalar, Mary Leland and Dave Westin will be sworn in, joining Kevin Jones and Dave Farmer.

Prior items in closed session will include litigation, dismissal or release of a public employee and labor negotiations. Swearing-in is scheduled for approximately 7 p.m., followed by business items beginning approximately 7:55 p.m.

Open session items include election of a new president and vice president of the board; discussion of compensation to school board members for attendance at meetings; establishment of a meeting schedule; human resource and finance actions, and discussion of educational specifications for a "fundamental academy."

At the West Sacramento Senior Center

Flu shot clinic: for high risk county residents only

The Yolo County Health Department will be holding a flu vaccine clinic in West Sacramento on Tuesday, December 14. The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Senior Center, located at 664 Cummins Way.

The cost of the vaccine will be $5.00. Vaccine will be provided to those who meet the high-risk criteria and are Yolo County residents. Proof of age, if less than 65 years old (Photo ID), and something showing they fit the high risk criteria will be required (Medical Alert Bracelet, medications, note from their doctor, etc).

The High Risk Criteria are:

· all children aged 6-23 months,
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· health-care workers with direct patient care, and
· out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged less than 6 months, including day care providers.

Further information is available at : www.cdc.gov/flu <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>, or call your doctor to determine if you meet the criteria and need a flu shot.

On stage —

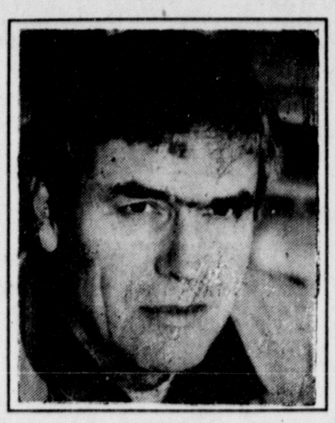
The West Sacramento Community Theater company reports a "full house" at its debut Saturday for "The Gift." The price for admission was three non-perishable food items to support the West Sacramento Christmas Basket.

The play will return on Friday and Saturday at the Yolo Alternative High School, 920 Westacre Road, with doors opening at 6 p.m. and performance at 7 p.m. Admission price is again three non-perishable food items for the food drive.

"The Gift" is written and directed by West Sacramento's Phillip E. Stommel in two acts. It showcases a detached family coming together for a Christmas Eve dinner to experience a "surprise from beyond" and a lesson on family.

Remembering a high school friend at Christmastime

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

Note: With Thanksgiving turkey leftovers still in my refrigerator as I write this, and with Christmas tree hunting scheduled for this weekend, I am reminded of the following column, which I wrote more than a decade ago:

The Thanksgiving holiday means different things to different people. For my parents, it's a time to get together with all their kids and grandchildren for a big turkey dinner; for my oldest son, it means his birthday is only a few hours away; for my other two sons, it means a glorious week off from school; and for my wife and daughter, it means cheerfully sorting through a bejillion newspaper ads in search of slashed prices and potential Christmas presents.

For a number of years, though, Thanksgiving weekend has also meant that it was time for me to get off my duff and help out with the setting up of the West Sacramento Little League Christmas tree lot.

There has been a WSLL Christmas tree lot ever since I can remember. For years, it was the league's most important fundraiser, and countless West Sacramentans have participated in going up to the snow line on Thanksgiving weekend to truck back the trees and set up the lot. Hundreds more have volunteered their time to help sell the trees, usually signing up for one or more nights during the Christmas season to watch over the lot and assist customers in locating the perfect tree.

Most of the people who have spent a number of years working at the Christmas tree lot will tell you that it quickly turns into a labor of love. In fact, I know of nothing which puts one into the Christmas spirit faster than an evening of assisting young boys and girls hunt for that one special tree, which when finally located, so obviously belongs in their house.

During those years when I spent a number of late November and early December evenings at the lot, there was always one person I could count on to help me out on short notice. I would often phone him on a Friday or Saturday night and plead with him to replace someone who had plans they just couldn't cancel.

"You don't have to beg me, Fish," Bruce Williams would say, using an old childhood nickname he knew I hated. "You know I love selling them trees."

I would thank him profusely and then yell, "And stop calling me Fish!"

When Bruce arrived at the Christmas tree lot, he would always be properly outfitted for the occasion. Unlike me (who could never remember to bundle up and wear gloves), Bruce was an experienced outdoorsman and he would always stroll in decked out like he was going on a camping trip to the Himalayas. While I would jump up and down in my windbreaker and blow on my hands in an unsuccessful effort to stay warm, he would wander all around the lot, talking to just about everyone (Bruce always loved to 'visit') who walked through the gate, obviously enjoying himself and snug as a bug in a rug in his thick down jacket.

When the customers would finally begin to thin out, we would often stand around and talk for hours about the good old days, when growing up in West Sacramento seemed so uncomplicated. For most of the years of our youth, Bruce and I lived only a couple of blocks away from each other, he on Rockrose Road, and me on Michigan Boulevard. We started high school at James Marshall together in 1961 (by the way, he was voted the best looking boy in the entire school in his senior year) and we were in countless classes together. Later on we coached our sons together in Little League and our shared memories stretched all the way back to choosing each other on the same pickup teams in P.E., to hating pretty much the same teachers, and to even dating some of the same girls.

As the nights at the Christmas tree lot would get late, Bruce and I would almost always get around to swapping war stories about our experiences in Vietnam. He'd tell me about some of the hot LZ's he had flown into and describe some of the many exotic places he had seen during his travels with the United States Air Force, and I would brag on the First Infantry Division and admit to being scared to death most of the time I was there. The hours would fly by and I would always leave the lot grateful that after all these many years, Bruce Williams was still my friend.

Bruce has been gone for over six months now, a victim of leukemia, and for all those many people whose lives he touched (including my daughter and oldest son, who have long been convinced that he was the nicest guy in West Sacramento) this will be their first Christmas without him. It's not going to be easy for any of us, but in this special season of thanksgiving, how thankful I am for all my memories of Bruce, and especially for those chilly and fun-filled nights together at the Little League Christmas tree lot.



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Air Force Airman Nicholas A. Alessandri has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Alessandri is the son of Elizabeth Alessandri of West Sacramento.

In 2004, the airman graduated from River City High School.

Obituary

Bruce Doyle Buchmiller

Bruce Buchmiller was born on March 17, 1959 in Woodland, California and passed away in Sacramento on November 24, 2004, after a long and courageous battle with diabetes. He was a loving father to his children, Theodore (wife Erica), Nicole, and Bruce Jr. (wife Anika), and is also survived by his sister, Kim Rodgiguez (husband Ignacio); brothers, Jim (wife Carrie), Brad (wife Rebecca) and Craig; his grandchildren, Selena and Bruce III; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him and will always be remembered as a wonderful man.

Family and friends are invited to attend memorial services, which will be held on December 11, 2004 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at West Sacramento's Moose Lodge, located at 3240 Jefferson Boulevard.

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'The rest of the story'


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WHAT IS "NEGATIVE AMORTIZATION"?

Many consumers are surprised and confused when they see advertising that offers super low (sometimes 1.25% or lower) mortgage loans. "Many people don't understand the quoted low rate is often not the interest rate. Rather, it's what is called a "minimum pay. rate' for a loan," said a spokesman for the Association of Mortgage Brokers. "This loan works because the lender artificially holds the payment fixed at 1.25% or lower pay rate for a year, while the actual interest rate often changes every month, every three months or every six months, depending on the program the borrower chooses."

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

Every week the sports world has new subject to bring to the attention of the fans. This week it's the steroid controversy in baseball and the BCS college bowl selection. In local professional sports the Kings continue to play well while the 49ers and Raiders continue their skids.

It's official USC and Oklahoma will play for the National Title but the Cal Bears were given the claw and sent to the Holiday Bowl in San Diego. The Bears won their last game against Southern Mississippi 26-16 and were rewarded by playing in the HOLIDAY BOWL. Ouch!

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (11-5) continue to play well while the rest of the league battles injuries and player unrest. On Friday night they fly off to Minnesota (5 p.m.-ch.10) to play their new archrival Timberwolves.

Major League Baseball

The San Francisco Giants finally gave up on Robb Nen and signed the Armando Benitez the best closer available on the free agent wire. Benitez signed a three-year deal that will pay him around $7.5 million a year. He was seeking a three-year deal from his club, the Florida Marlins, but the Giants needed a closer in the worst way so they paid top dollar. Next on the free agent list for the G-Men is an outfielder that can hit and bat behind and protect Bonds. The Giants are looking at J.D. Drew, who hit .305 with 36 HR's.

The major league owners will direct most of their time at the winter meetings this week to discuss the steroid problem that has been over looked until recent allegations involving baseball top stars. Jason Giambi finally admitted he used the sports enhancement drug while Barry Bonds is still in denial. Sammy Sosa and Gary Sheffield are also in the same boat. Look for some major changes and stiff penalties from the owners and the players union.

Boxing

On Saturday night in Las Vegas Vitali Klischko (34-2, 33 KO's) will make his first title defense against Danny Williams (32-3, 27 KO's). Williams, who destroyed Mike Tyson in his last bout, will give Klischko all he can handle. Vitali is a bleeder so don't expect this fight to go the distances.

Boxing returns to Sacramento on Friday, December 10th at the Arco Arena featuring Michael Simms (14-2-1) against Uganda's Joseph Kiwanuka (27-8-2). Oscar De La Hoya is promoting his reality show contest. He will be promoting Sacramento correctional officer, Gilbert Zaragoza. West Sac's Danny Savala is also on the card with female junior-lightweight, Valanna McGee and Anthony Charnell. Tickets are priced from $77 to $24.75.

Also on Friday night, Sacramento's Rogelio Castaneda (18-10-2) will fight a 12 round IBA championship bout in Cleveland against Craig Weber (19-1-1).

Week 13 in the NFL

The 49ers (1-11) lost to the Rams 16-6 and are another step closer to the No. 1 pick. It was the same old thing for the lowly Niners. NO offensive! Next week the 49ers travel to Arizona (1 p.m.).

The Raiders (4-8), who lost 34-27 to Kansas City, will travel to Atlanta (9-3) on Sunday morning (10 a.m.). No Black Out! The Falcons need one more win to lock up their division title and should be pretty upset after being shut out by Tampa Bay.

In week 13 with no college football I'll make 4 picks. This week I like the Bills to win home against the Brownies and the Bronco's will be fired up in Denver against the Dolphins. The Packers will beat Detroit at home and the Rams will lose in Carolina.

On Monday night Kansas City will keep their faint playoff hopes alive with a win in Tennessee.

See ya next week.

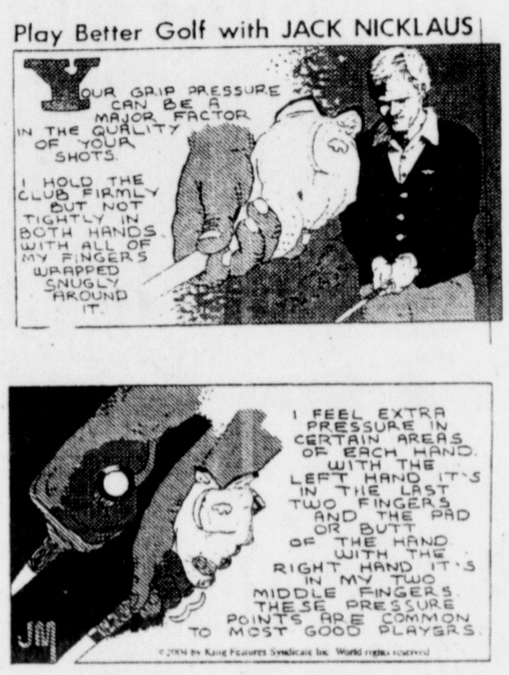
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by Chris Richcreek

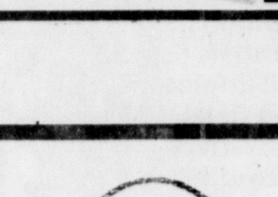
1. Who was the first player to hit two home runs in an All-Star Game?
2. Name the only two catchers to lead the National League in batting average for a season.
3. When was the last time the Notre Dame football team won a national championship?
4. Four players have scored 70 or more points in an NBA game. Name them.
5. Between 1947 and 1951, the Toronto Maple Leafs won four Stanley Cups in five seasons. Name the only other team to win one during that time period.
6. When was the last time before 2004 that Canada won 12 or fewer medals in the Summer Olympic Games?
7. Who was the defending champ when golfer Tiger Woods began a run of four straight Bay Hill championships between 2000 and 2003?

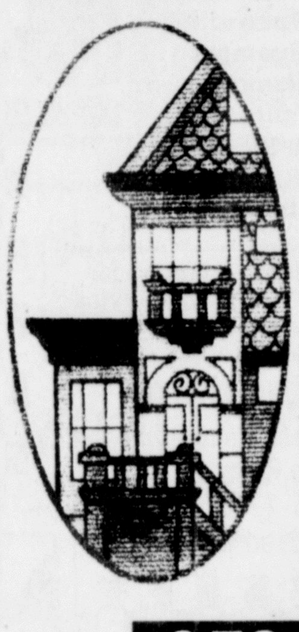
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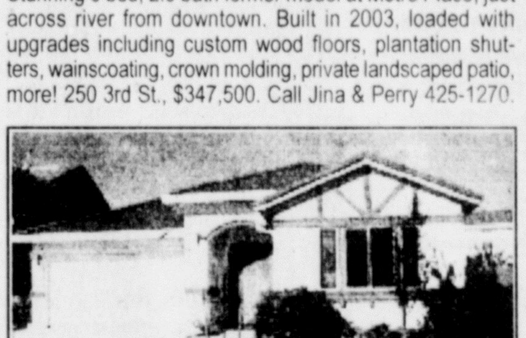
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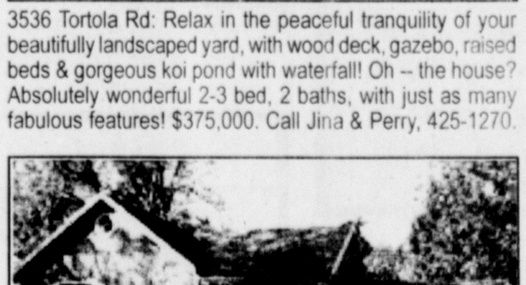
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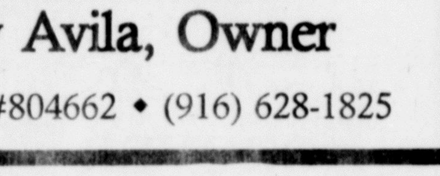
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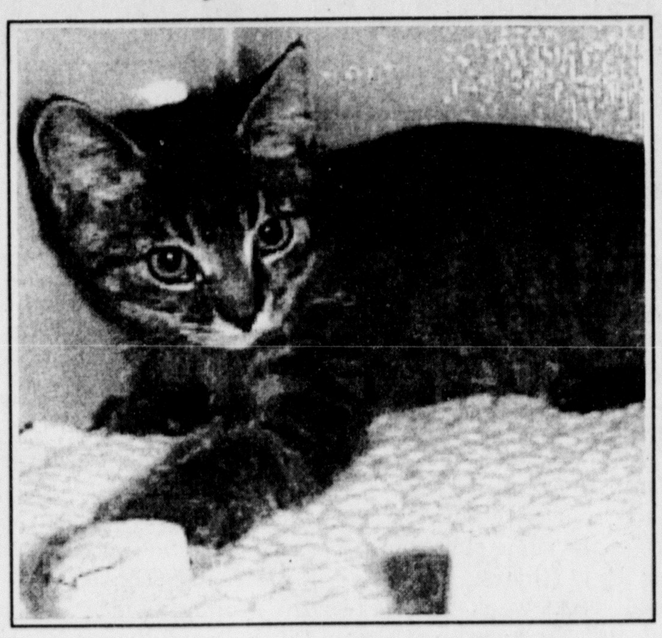
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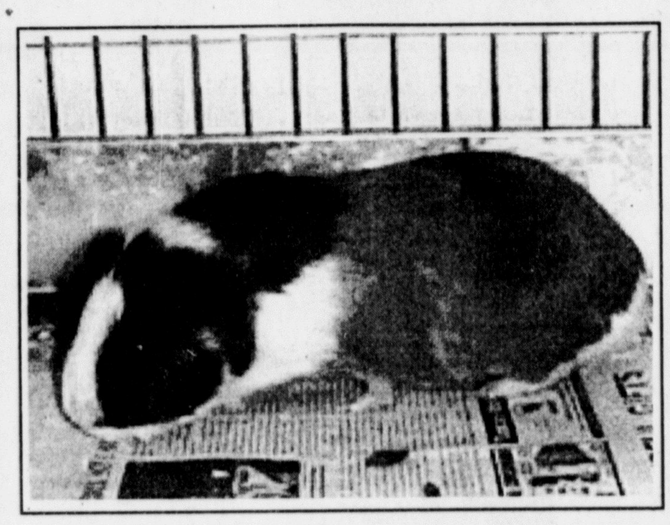
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Pets of the week —



"Chickenhead" is a three-month old female brown tabby who has blossomed after a rough kittenhood. Her ID number is 24897.



"Merlot" (26768) is a young male calico guinea pig, also looking for a new home.

Both animals are among the pets at the Yolo County Animal Shelter available for adoption. The shelter is located at 2640 East Gibson Road in Woodland. Call (530) 668-5287 for hours and other information.

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. fc13489-21 Loan No. – Title Order No. 2393592 APN 067-090-28 TRA No. – You are in default under a Deed of Trust dated 11/15/2002. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. On 12/15/2004 at 12:00PM, ForeclosureLink, Inc. as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 2/21/03, Instrument 2003-0009534-00 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by: Timothy J. Oller, as Trustor, Pamela S. Heater and Ruth R. Alport, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: The rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA., all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is".

The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3501 Palomar Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: $102,432.30 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. **ForeclosureLink, Inc.,** 5006 Sunrise Blvd. Suite 200 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line: (916) 387-7728 Sara Berens, Asst. Vice President Date: 11/18/04 ASAP619831 11/24, 12/1, 12/8

Moments in time
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• On **Dec. 16, 1773,** in Boston Harbor, a group of Massachusetts colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians board three British tea ships and dump 342 chests of tea into the harbor. The midnight raid, popularly known as the "Boston Tea Party," was in protest of the British Parliament's Tea Act of 1773.

• On **Dec. 17, 1903,** near Kitty Hawk, N.C., Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first successful flight in history of a self-propelled, heavier-than-air aircraft. Orville piloted the gasoline-powered, propeller-driven biplane, which stayed aloft for 12 seconds and covered 120 feet on its inaugural flight.

• On **Dec. 18, 1916,** the Battle of Verdun, the longest engagement of World War I, ends with a French victory. During the 10-month battle, 650,000 lives were lost and 23 million shells were fired.

• On **Dec. 15, 1939,** "Gone With the Wind" premieres in Atlanta. The film, based on Margaret Mitchell's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, became an instant hit, breaking all previous box-office records.

• On **Dec. 14, 1947,** the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) is founded at the Streamline Hotel in Daytona Beach, Fla. It was the first formal organization for stock-car racing, a sport said to have begun with souped-up bootlegger hot rods during Prohibition.

• On **Dec. 13, 1978,** the United States mint starts production of the Susan B. Anthony dollar, and by the following summer 850 million coins had hit the streets. Alas, while well-intentioned, people confused it with the quarter and the Susan B. Anthony coin was a flop.

• On **Dec. 19, 1998,** after nearly 14 hours of debate, the House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, charging him with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice. Clinton, the second president in American history to be impeached, vowed to finish his term.

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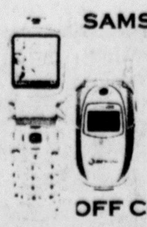
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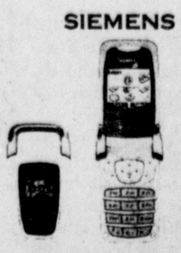
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Business corner:

Credit union opens; investment firm relocates

Christopher C. Bradford of Edward Jones Investment has opened a new West Sacramento office at 1355 Halyard Drive, Suite 140. The office's phone number is 372-3076.

Bradford has had a local office since 2002.

The firm offers investment tools such as certificates of deposit, bonds, stocks and mutual funds. Edward Jones has more than 9,000 offices in the U.S. and (through affiliates) Canada and the United Kingdom.

A new office for SAFE Credit Union has opened at Southport Town Center (the Nugget Center) near Jefferson Blvd. and Linden Road. The office held a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 1.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for a new four story, ±83,000 square foot office building and associated surface parking with future retail on the ground floor.

Office Building Site Data

	Area (sq. ft.)	Area (acres)	% of Gross Site Area
Gross Site Area	144,212	3.31	100%
Building Footprint	20,748	.047	14.4%
Parking Stalls/Driveway	90,717	2.08	62%
Landscape Hardscape	3,220	0.07	2%
Landscape Planting	29,527	0.67	20%
Open Space	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gross Building Area	82,992	N/A	N/A

The north façade will include a pronounced curtain wall system indicating the entrance to a two-story lobby creating a connection to a secondary entrance on the future Triangle Street and the parking area. The curtain wall system, with a slightly contrasting color, will flow from the entry and partially wrap around the East elevation of the building. The three-story curtain wall system will start at the second floor over precast structural columns and beams exposed at the ground floor and parapet.

The east and south facades of the building consist of exposed precast framing deep-set horizontal openings of storefront with glazing to match the curtain wall system. Shade/sun control will be achieved with vertical aluminum screens on the east, while using horizontal screens on the south elevation. The entrance from Triangle Street is framed with two story storefront system and covered by an aluminum canopy suspended from the building.

Expression of the precast structural system continues on the west elevation with storefront openings in vertical nature between the columns and glazing to match the curtain wall system. Shade/ sun control will also be accomplished by using horizontal aluminum shade screens on the west and south elevations, creating accent features in conjunction with the curtain wall and storefronts systems around the perimeter of the building.

Parking for approximately 268 automobiles including nine handicap-accessible spaces will be located on the west and north sides of the building. The parking area will be bordered on the north and west property lines with a landscape buffer between the neighboring properties. The Triangle Street and South River Road will be lined with trees located in the sidewalks creating a separation from vehicle traffic and enhancing the streetscape for pedestrian use. The trees will be installed with tree grates set in the sidewalk and equally spaced to allow vehicle access to the parking areas from South River Road and Triangle Street.

A Redevelopment Agency subsidy of at least $3 million is proposed. The developer and the Redevelopment Agency would enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in advance of beginning negotiations on a formal Owner Participation Agreement (OPA), which will cover all the details of the subsidy and the mutual obligations of the developer, the city, and the agency.

The proposed MOU outlines the conceptual terms of the OPA and how the subsidy would be provided to the office project. The net present value of the project subsidy would be limited to $3 million, using a seven percent discount rate and commencing from the date of the first payment. If the developer required the maximum allowable amount of subsidy early in the project, later payments would be discontinued once the $3 million cap was reached.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916-617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may submit comments to the Community Development Department no later than **December 28, 2004.** Any affected or interested parties may also appear at the **January 5, 2005** City Council meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento City Council will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on **January 5, 2005** in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Please contact the Community Development Department to confirm the meeting date, time, and location.

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—Hebrew proverb
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He that labors and thrives spins gold.
—George Herbert
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Employment is nature's physician, and is essential to human happiness.
—Galen
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In Remembrance:

To Mike Giordano:

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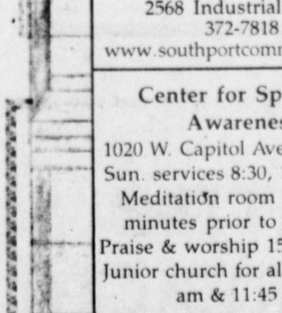
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Your Mother, Stella

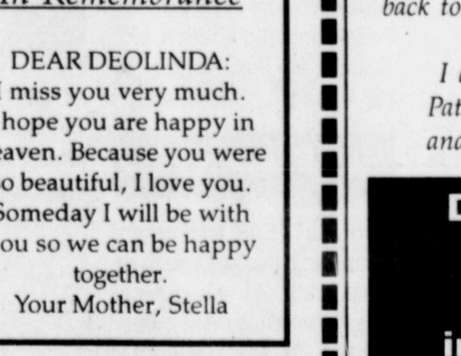
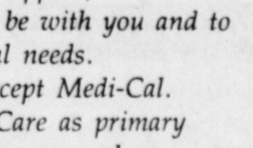
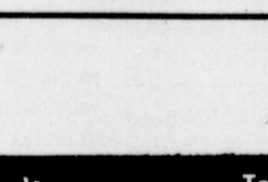
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Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs.	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 2568 Industrial Blvd. 372-7818 www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church** 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. No Mass on Thursday
Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 8:30, 10 & 11 am Meditation room opens 30 minutes prior to services. Praise & worship 15 min. prior Junior church for all ages at 10 am & 11:45 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**New Discovery Christian Church** Meets at Southport Elementary School 2747 Linden Road at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784

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OPINION

From the mailbag:

Letters to the Editor

Recall the Three

In a shameful show of arrogance and hypocrisy, on December 1,just-installed Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and council members Piersen and Villegas (who with Cabaldon pushed to have a directly elected mayor) voted unanimously to appoint, rather than allow the voters to choose, who will fill the vacancy created on the city council by Cabaldon becoming mayor. As the audience gasped, and after numerous speakers and community leaders pleaded with the council to allow the people of West Sacramento to choose who their elected leaders are (including the West Sacramento fire and police associations who had obtained over 1,700 signatures on a petition demanding that a special election be held), Cabaldon, Piersen and Villegas ignored those pleas and voted to appoint rather than allow the people to decide.

The sole dissenting voice to this well choreographed, and possibly illegal, action by those three council members was Councilman Bill Kristoff. Mr. Kristoff offered a simple and effective solution -- enact an ordinance that would allow the vacancy to be filled pending a special election. That was dismissed outright and not even considered by Cabaldon, Piersen and Villegas. The reason sites by Villegas and Piersen (while Cabaldon remained curiously quiet even though he pushed the appointment process at the November 17th council meeting) for making an appointment made no sense. Villegas said a special election would be a unnecessary diversion and democracy is best served by an appointment (huh?). We have men and women fighting in Iraq now to have an election occur. Is that an unnecessary diversion? Villegas also said he had a problem with the cost of a special election (about $30,000) but he had no problem in approving mailing an application notice for the vacancy to every registered voter in West Sacramento. He also said that the city can't afford to loose momentum with a open seat, yet he failed to even consider Mr. Kristoff's viable option of filling the seat temporarily by appointment until an election can occur.

Councilwoman Piersen appeared to not even know what she was voting on, or for that matter even how to make a motion that was right in front of her. She said that this was the type of big, unpopular decision that elected leaders are elected to make for the people, in spite of the obvious outcry in front of her, but offered little in explaining her vote.

Going further to insure that Cabaldon and his cohorts can hand pick the person to fill the vacancy, Cabaldon nominated himself and Piersen as the screening committee, whose job it will be to pre-screen applicants. He and his cohorts believe that this will all blow over, and that we will get over it. He is also spinning this and trying to say this is a union issue, but it is not the firemen and the police alone, but the will of the people, and who's will will be ignored if this is allowed to happen.

The people of West Sacramento deserve to decide who their leaders are. We have avenues available to us to stop this blatant arrogance and undemocratic conduct that is not in the best interests of the city. It's called recall, and that only takes 1,700 signatures to start.

It's simple...recall.

DEBBIE FALCONER
West Sacramento

Appoint Montemayor

Now that West Sacramento has a directly elected mayor, this change left a void to be filled quickly by appointment (by the mayor and the other city council members); otherwise, the sooner a special election could be held would be June, 2005. While two city council members were re-elected, our direct election of our city councilman/acting mayor (serving heretofore on a rotating basis) as mayor for the next two years caused that ever-so-brief vacancy on the city council, even though more than two ran for the two seats.

A significant number of those attending the city council meeting called for a special election ("Let the voters choose!") to fill the vacancy, which would cost about $35,000 and the void would continue for another six months. But since more than three ran for two seats plus the one seat everyone knew would become vacant if our acting mayor became directly elected, the city council should appoint Mark Montemayor (who just finished two terms and received the 3rd most votes for city council). Such action would reflect the choice of the voters without delay and without that $35,000 cost.

Let's also hope our state lawmakers take a cue from this and change the law so that when local elections change city charters like ours, the candidate for city council receiving the most votes behind those just (re-) elected would automatically be declared the winner of the vacancy created by a city council member becoming directly elected mayor.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 27, 2004
File No. 2004-1088

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/s/Joseph R. Chand

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by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Filed Nov 9, 2004
File No. 2004-1138

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
PT04-1774
Filed Nov 2, 2004

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Brenda Carol Brocker filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: Brenda Carol Brocker

Proposed name: Brenda Carol Cole

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Dec. 14, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, 812 Court Street, Woodland, California 95695.

Date: 11-1-04
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Judge of the Superior Court

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Nov. 12 2004
2002-443

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The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 11/2/1983.

Gene K. Cartwright and Carrol A. Cartwright, 3505 S. River Rd., W. Sac. CA 95691.

This business was conducted by husband and wife.

Nov. 12, 2004
/s/Ava Woodard, Deupty Clerk
State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk/ Recorder

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 19, 2004
File No. 2004-1170

The following person is doing business as The Panorama House, 335 Metro Lane, West Sacramento CA 95605:

Amy Joy Flanigan and Paul Flanigan, 335 Metro Ln, West Sacramento CA 95605.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

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/s/Amy Joy Flanigan
/s/Paul Flanigan

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 23, 2004
File No. 2004-1186

The following person is doing business as Timberwood Custom Cabinets, 2959 Promenade, Ste. 100, West Sacramento CA 95691:

John M. Zonneveld, Jr., 2095 Davis Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/78. Previous fictitious business name number 99-885.

/s/John M. Zonneveld Jr.

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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

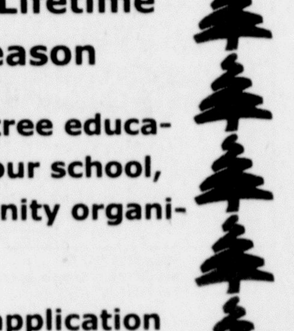
A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Newport Grove Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #4748 located north of Linden Road and west of South River Road in West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of subdividing 7.4 acres into 31 single family lots. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the January 20, 2005, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission/City Council will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on January 20, 2005, in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, 95691 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Dec 8



(NAPS)—Many people don't realize that the prolonged inactivity of airline trips can trigger a serious health problem called deep vein thrombosis (DVT). DVT can occur when a person is sedentary for long periods of time. Blood clots can form in veins, then detach and travel through the bloodstream to the lungs, blocking the oxygen supply, say experts at the College of American Pathologists. To protect yourself, eat a light meal, and avoid alcoholic beverages, wear support stockings to increase circulation, and take an aspirin. Aspirin acts as a blood thinner, which helps prevent clots.

An estimated one in three adults—70 million Americans—has arthritis, but what is not well understood is that arthritis strikes many more women than men. The Society for Women's Health Research has joined forces with actress, dancer and arthritis sufferer Debbie Allen to launch "Living Well With Arthritis," a public education campaign designed to teach women how to alleviate their arthritis pain and continue leading their active lives. For more information about the campaign or how to diagnose and treat arthritis symptoms effectively, visit www.womenshealthresearch.org.

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—William Feather

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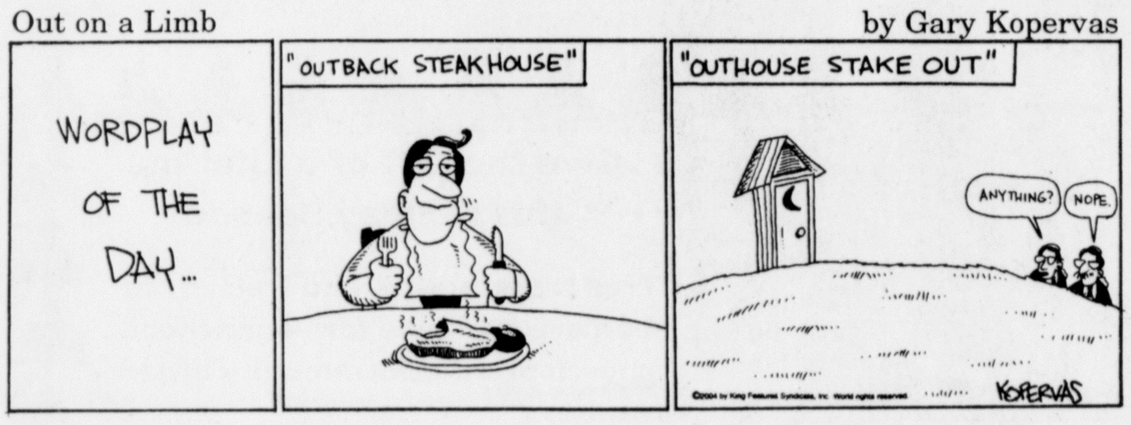
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by Mike Marland



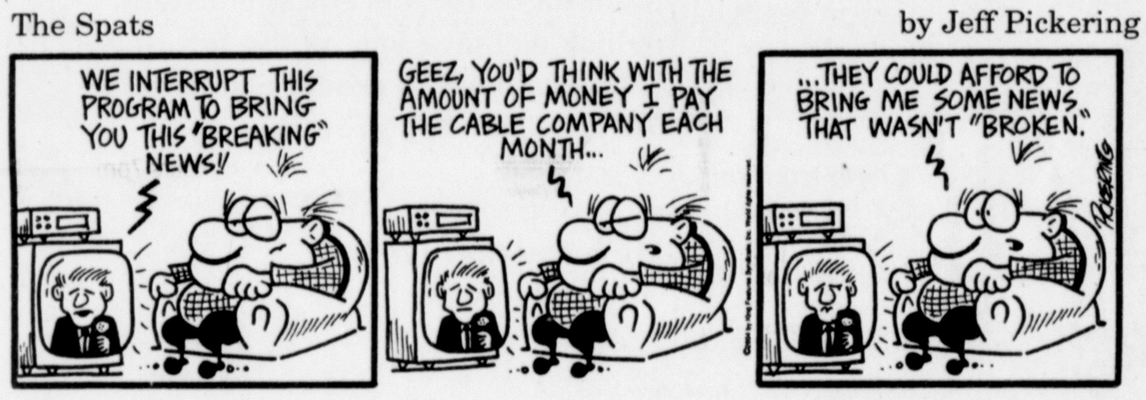
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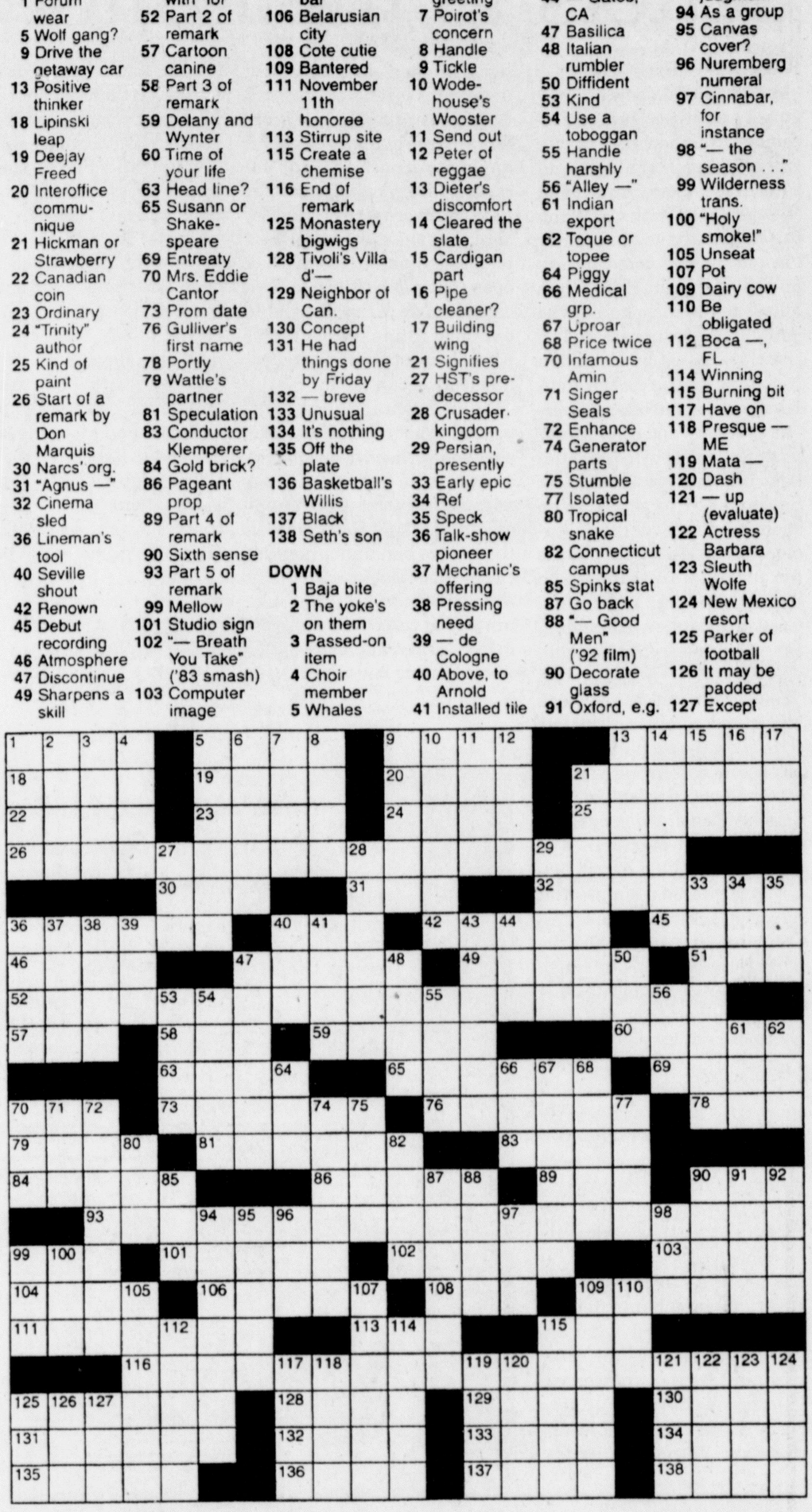
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ACROSS

1 Forum wear
5 Wolf gang?
9 Drive the getaway car
13 Positive thinker
18 Lipinski leap
19 Deejay Freed
20 Interoffice communique
21 Hickman or Strawberry
22 Canadian coin
23 Ordinary
24 "Trinity" author
25 Kind of paint
26 Start of a remark by Don Marquis
30 Narcs' org.
31 "Agnus —"
32 Cinema sled
36 Lineman's tool
40 Seville shout
42 Renown
45 Debut recording
46 Atmosphere
47 Discontinue
49 Sharpens a skill
51 Choose, with "for"
52 Part 2 of remark
57 Cartoon canine
58 Part 3 of remark
59 Delany and Wynter
60 Time of your life
63 Head line?
65 Susann or Shakespeare
69 Entreaty
70 Mrs. Eddie Cantor
73 Prom date
76 Gulliver's first name
78 Portly
79 Wattle's partner
81 Speculation
83 Conductor Klemperer
84 Gold brick?
86 Pageant prop
89 Part 4 of remark
90 Sixth sense
93 Part 5 of remark
99 Mellow
101 Studio sign
102 "— Breath You Take" ('83 smash)
103 Computer image
104 Man the bar
106 Belarusian city
108 Cote cutie
109 Bantered
111 November 11th honoree
113 Stirrup site
115 Create a chemise
116 End of remark
125 Monastery bigwigs
128 Tivoli's Villa d'—
129 Neighbor of Can.
130 Concept
131 He had things done by Friday
132 — breve
133 Unusual
134 It's nothing
135 Off the plate
136 Basketball's Willis
137 Black
138 Seth's son

DOWN

1 Baja bite
2 The yoke's on them
3 Passed-on item
4 Choir member
5 Whales
6 Maui greeting
7 Poirot's concern
8 Handle
9 Tickle
10 Wodehouse's Wooster
11 Send out
12 Peter of reggae
13 Dieter's discomfort
14 Cleared the slate
15 Cardigan part
16 Pipe cleaner?
17 Building wing
21 Signifies
27 HST's predecessor
28 Crusader kingdom
29 Persian, presently
33 Early epic
34 Ref
35 Speck
36 Talk-show pioneer
37 Mechanic's offering
38 Pressing need
39 — de Cologne
40 Above, to Arnold
41 Installed tile
43 Unsullied
44 — Gatos, CA
47 Basilica
48 Italian rumbler
50 Diffident
53 Kind
54 Use a toboggan
55 Handle harshly
56 "Alley —"
61 Indian export
62 Toque or topee
64 Piggy
66 Medical grp.
67 Uproar
68 Price twice
70 Infamous Amin
71 Singer Seals
72 Enhance
74 Generator parts
75 Stumble
77 Isolated
80 Tropical snake
82 Connecticut campus
85 Spinks stat
87 Go back
88 "— Good Men" ('92 film)
90 Decorate glass
91 Oxford, e.g.
92 Await judgment
94 As a group
95 Canvas cover?
96 Nuremberg numeral
97 Cinnabar, for instance
98 "— the season . . ."
99 Wilderness trans.
100 "Holy smoke!"
105 Unseat
107 Pot
109 Dairy cow
110 Be obligated
112 Boca —, FL
114 Winning
115 Burning bit
117 Have on
118 Presque — ME
119 Mata —
120 Dash
121 — up (evaluate)
122 Actress Barbara
123 Sleuth Wolfe
124 New Mexico resort
125 Parker of football
126 It may be padded
127 Except



Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS

1. 15-Down plus 16-Down
3. 4-Down plus 16-Down
5. Digits of 14-Across rearranged
7. Consecutive digits in descending order
8. Consecutive digits rearranged
11. Five hundred more than 5-Across
12. Consecutive digits rearranged
13. Digits of 1-Down reversed
14. Three less than 3-Down
17. 1-Across minus 7-Across
18. Nine more than 17-Across

DOWN

1. Ten more than 7-Across
2. One more than 3-Across
3. Sum of the digits is 13-Across
4. Digits of 17-Across reversed
6. Six hundred less than 10-Down
9. Consecutive odd digits in ascending order
10. One-half of 8-Across
12. 3-Across times 13-Down
13. Same digit repeated
15. Two times 13-Down
16. Two more than 13-Across

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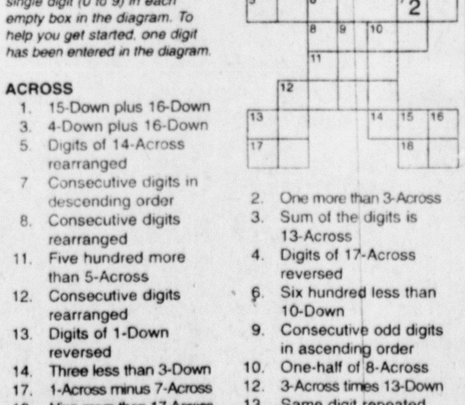
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J I I G I L A U A A A F A A I
D N C D A L G L C L T A Y L N
X G W T F E P V A L T I S E R
P O I E R N L P K J A I N R G
F N D A N I T A L R A C S O E

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Calculating
Deflating
Dilating
Gallatin
Latinist
Latino
Oscillating
Palatine
Plating
Platinum
Regulating
Relating
Scarlatina
Slatina
Slating

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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I	O	A	D	R	E	I	I	N	E	A	K	S
6	3	7	5	2	4	8	4	6	2	8	4	7
N	A	N	N	A	I	F	N	D	B	T	G	P
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R	C	E	E	R	O	I	L	N	E	I	S	N
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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

Homemade Bread

If you don't already have a bread machine, chances are good that you might find one under the Christmas tree. Here's a recipe that's ready, willing and waiting to be the first bread baked in your new bread machine!

CRANBERRY BREAD

- *1 1/4 cups unsweetened orange juice*
- *Sugar substitute to equal 3/4 cup sugar, suitable for baking*
- *1/2 teaspoon table salt*
- *3 cups bread flour*
- *1/4 cup quick oats*
- *1/4 cup nonfat dry milk powder*
- *1 1/2 teaspoons active dry yeast*
- *1/2 cup chopped fresh or frozen cranberries*

In a bread baking pan, combine orange juice, sugar substitute, salt, flour, oats, dry milk powder and yeast. Follow your bread machine's instructions. Add cranberries when "add ingredient" signal beeps. Continue following your machine instructions. Remove bread and place on a wire rack to cool. Cut into 12 slices. Makes a 1 1/2-pound loaf. Freezes well.

• Each slice equals: 129 calories, 1 g fat, 4 g protein, 26 g carb., 7 mg sodium, 2 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com or call toll free at 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• When the "Wild West" of America was being settled in the 19th century, pioneers in wagon trains had to rough it, usually sleeping on the ground. Evidently recognizing the importance of their sustenance, however, they always seemed to find a soft, covered spot for the chuck-wagon cook to spend the night.

• In the 16th century, Spaniards thought that eating potatoes would cure impotence.

• It's still not known who made the following sage observation: "A conference is a meeting to decide where the next meeting will take place." It seems likely, however, that whoever it was had extensive experience in the corporate world. Its sentiment is similar to that expressed by Fred Allen when he remarked, "A conference is a gathering of important people who decide that nothing can be done."

• The word "limousine" was originally used as the name for a woolen cape worn mostly by sheepherders.

• Those who study such things say that only half of all marriages can be generally categorized as "happy." One-quarter of all marriages end in divorce; the remaining quarter of the couples, it seems, are unhappy but stay together.

• White wine is actually made from high-quality black grapes.

• Today's homemakers might not recognize early versions of the automatic dishwasher. In 1929, a model that was sold at Harrod's department store in London had various attachments used to make ice cream, sausages and butter.

• The children's scooter was invented by a 15-year-old boy. Unfortunately, his short-sighted father thought it wouldn't be successful and so didn't obtain a patent.

• Famed Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli earned a degree in law.

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Thought for the Day: "I have lived in this world just long enough to look carefully the second time into things that I am most certain of the first time." — *Josh Billings*

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CELEBRITY extra

by Evelyn Green

Q. I heard that some famous reality-show couple was robbed recently. Do you know who they were? — *Jeannie M.*

A. Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne had quite the scare when burglars made off with "a large amount of jewelry" (estimated at 1 million pounds — or nearly $2 million) at their Buckinghamshire mansion. Ozzy and Sharon were home sleeping when two ski-masked bandits used a ladder to climb into the house. Ozzy was reported to have been awakened and tried to grab one of the burglars, fighting with the masked intruder over family jewels that included wife Sharon's wedding band. The man fought free and fled. The burglars escaped via a van and remain at large. None of the Osbournes' children were reportedly in the house.

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Q. What has Tim Allen been up to lately? He's one of my favorite comedians. — *June A.*

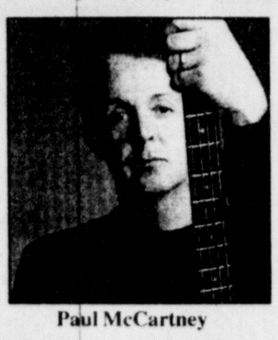
A. Allen received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame recently. Stepping forward, he declared it was just the beginning of major neighborhood improvements. "Stop traffic! All these buildings will be named after me!" the former "Home Improvement" star joked during a ceremony marking the honor. Hundreds of people gathered to see the unveiling of Allen's star, the 2,270th on the Walk of Fame.

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Q. What can we expect from next year's Super Bowl halftime show? Last year's event created such a ruckus. Is the NFL going to tone things down? — *Sallie P.*

A. Paul McCartney will headline the Super Bowl halftime show on Feb. 6 as the NFL goes mainstream after the controversy over last February's show. It will be the second Super Bowl appearance for McCartney, who also sang in the pregame show in New Orleans in 2002.

At the last Super Bowl halftime show, singer Justin Timberlake ripped off part of singer Janet Jackson's outfit, exposing her right breast to a TV audience of some 90 million people. CBS is protesting an FCC fine of $550,000 for the incident.



Paul McCartney

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Q. I heard that Donald "the Boss" Trump declared bankruptcy recently. What's up? — *Justin R.*

A. Donald J. Trump's casino empire has filed for bankruptcy protection after months of negotiations with bondholders over restructuring a crushing debt. The Trump casino business consists mainly of three Atlantic City properties and a riverboat casino in Indiana and is only a small part of Trump's overall real estate empire. The filings come even as Trump, the celebrity developer and best-selling author, has returned to the spotlight with the television show "The Apprentice," which turned "You're fired" into a national catchphrase.

Trump denied the bankruptcy was a setback. "I don't think it's a failure, it's a success," he said. "In this case, it was just something that worked better than other alternatives. It's really just a technical thing, but it came together." He said "the future looks very good."

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he's buying.
—Fran Lebowitz

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What's done to children, they will do to society.
—Karl Menninger

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Words, like eyeglasses, blur everything that they do not make more clear.
—Joseph Joubert

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Books

A Redbird Christmas
By Fannie Flagg
(Random House, $17.95)
Reviewed by Cindy Elavsky

Fannie Flagg has a gift for writing warm and compelling stories. With her down-home tone and keen eye for people's little idiosyncrasies, Flagg creates characters that step off the page and into her readers' lives.

"A Redbird Christmas" follows in the Flagg tradition of inviting her readers into her characters' world for a few hundred pages — just long enough to leave them wanting more. Flagg's engaging cast of unique townsfolk are just as entertaining and realistic as ever. True to fashion, Flagg's characters will make the reader both laugh and cry.

The story revolves around Oswald Campbell, a 52-year old Chicago resident and emphysema sufferer who has been told he has less than a year to live. With this Christmas likely to be his last, and rather than battle another cold and isolating Christmas up north, Campbell decides to head south to warmer climes. Taking his cue from a brochure his doctor showed him, Campbell ends up in a sleepy little town in Alabama called Lost River.

In Lost River, Campbell is quickly and somewhat hesitantly immersed in small town goings-on. His life becomes encompassed by the General Store (with its resident cardinal), the riverboat mailman and the numerous women who vie for Campbell's attention. Oswald, who is no one's Casanova, is overwhelmed by the unfamiliarity of women's attention, as matchmaking friend Frances Cleverdon tries to make a love connection between him and one of the town's widows.

As Campbell becomes a part of the town, Lost River becomes a part of him.

While "A Redbird Christmas" is intended as a heartwarming Christmas story, it is a story of hope and kindness that should be enjoyed all year round.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.N.A Smith

"The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie"

Running time: 90 minutes
MPAA rating: PG

If the sight of a cartoon sponge and his starfish pal hanging off the leg hairs of David Hasselhoff doesn't provoke a belly laugh (or at least make you shake your head in giggly, kitschy disbelief), then "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" is not for you.

The movie is childish, silly, contains a lot of burping and farting and the depantsing of major characters. And I loved every minute of it, which is surprising since I'm not a fan of the television show. Not to say I hate the show, I just never got around to watching it. Now that I've seen the movie, this will change.

The film is about, well ... a sponge. His name is SpongeBob (voiced by Mr. Show's Tom Kenny). He lives in the ocean town of Bikini Bottom and works at a fast-food joint called the Crusty Crab. SpongeBob thinks he's going to be promoted to manage a new store, but his boss, Mr. Krabs, gives the job to Squidward Tentacles. SpongeBob is told he is too immature to run a restaurant.

Meanwhile, King Neptune's crown is stolen by the evil Sheldon Plankton, who leads the king to believe it was really stolen by one of SpongeBob's pals, Larry the Lobster. SpongeBob sees this as an opportunity to show Mr. Krabs that he is a man, and SpongeBob decides to find King Neptune's crown and return it before Larry the Lobster gets zapped. Tagging along with our porous hero is Patrick Star, a starfish and bestest buddy to SpongeBob.

There are great voice cameos by Alec Baldwin as a hit man and Scarlett Johansson as Princess Mindy. And if I'm not mistaken, I could've sworn I heard a Motorhead song during one of the action scenes. Good to see Lemmy's still getting work.



SpongeBob preens for the big screen.

Stretching what is normally a 22-minute cartoon episode into a 90-minute feature can be a daunting task, but director Stephen Hillenburg does a pretty good job of keeping the action and jokes moving. There are a few lulls in the second act, but they don't last too long and on the whole, the movie is a wonderful treat for fans and wannabe fans alike.

GRADE: B+

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Or a joke that will amuse,
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An incident that's new,
We want to hear from you!
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Will your story make us laugh?
Send it in.
Send along a photograph,
Send it in.
Never mind about your style,
If it's only worth the while,
And will make the reader smile,
Send it in."

The Sacramento River registered 15 feet 0 inches, U. S. gauge at the S. P. bridge, yesterday. The gauge showed a height of 18 feet last Tuesday evening, this being the highest so far during the present winter.

The ways of the Sacramento Transportation Co. are extremely busy now that river shipping is at its height. Yesterday the barge Onisbo was launched after a thorough overhauling, in fact it was practically rebuilt. Many men were engaged in the work during the past six weeks. This is one of the largest barges on the river and has been in constant use during several years.

The U. S. snagboat Seizer was towed up stream yesterday from Rio Vista to be repaired and overhauled. Lately the Seizer went through a fire which practically cleaned out its interior, and was saved only after considerable work. Nearly all the machinery in the boat was ruined in the fire and will have to be replaced.

August Brietzke is expected home from a San Francisco hospital next Saturday. Yesterday he was permitted for the first time to go outside his room after an operation for the removal of an abscess in his left eye. The operation was successful but there is a possibility that another may be necessary later on.

Ray Waring, owner of considerable property in Washington, was a visitor around town yesterday. He is engaged in the State Capitol.

A wide variety of carpet patterns for your selection at Locke's, 318 J street, Sacramento.—adv.

Deputy Assessor Kane was a visitor in Washington yesterday, when he started out on his rounds in assessing property. Mr. Kane expects to be a candidate for the position of County Assessor next November and will have for his opponents Byron Hillhouse and C. F. Evans.

A movie outfit went up river yesterday on the steamer Weitchpec. The scene of operations was along the river near Riverbank. Forty people and thirty dogs took part in framing scenes on the Klondike. Residents in the neighborhood were greatly surprised at the antics of the actors and tried at various times to get inside the focus of the camera.

Mrs. A. Grabo is confined in the Sisters' Hospital in Sacramento with a very severe case of pneumonia which threatened her life during a few days in the past week. Reports from the hospital last night indicated that she is improving.

A new addition was made to the Archie Lewis family yesterday morning when a new baby arrived at the home.

"Home comfort" is a prize which everybody wants. Try Locke & Son, 318 J street, Sacramento.—adv.

Mrs. R. Derr met with a serious accident last Wednesday in the Washington Bakery. A bannister protecting a stairway over which she was leaning broke under her weight and she fell to the bottom of the stairway. A closed door at that point prevented her from getting on her feet for several minutes. During that time she struggled strenuously, finally extricating herself by standing on her hands. Yesterday she was somewhat bruised but no bones were broken.

Mrs. F. De Riso is still confined to her bed suffering with pneumonia. Her condition, however, is greatly improved.

Mrs. M. Stucki, a former resident of Washington but lately of Sacramento was around town yesterday visiting old friends.

A baby girl was born last Monday at the home of J. Allerton. The mother and baby are getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. A. Melani, a well known San Francisco lady, has been stopping at the Allerton home during the past two weeks. She is now attending Mrs. Allerton as nurse, to which profession she was trained for several years. Her husband is a volunteer in the service of the U. S. and during his absence Mrs. Melani has returned to her profession.

Homer Lee made a flying trip to Vallejo last Sunday in the family Ford and returned without a mishap.

Mrs. Maria Peterson made a short trip to San Francisco. She returned Sunday evening.

Mrs. James L. Clifton was a visitor in Oakland with her daughter during the early part of this week.

A business meeting of the local Red Cross Chapter was held in the Town Hall last Monday evening, during which some important subjects were under consideration.

With the departure of George Brown last Monday forty-nine young men have left Washington to serve in the army or in the navy. He has gone to training school at Goat Island.

Word has been received from Ellis Harlow that he is now on his way to an Eastern station, having been transferred from Mare Island.

Guests at the home of W. K. Glasford and family during the past few weeks, J. McGillian and family have returned to Adrian, Michigan.

Miss Lydia Roloff pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing three rings from the home of E. C. Tanner and has been allowed her liberty on $250 cash bail. Next Monday she will appear before the probation committee to ask for parole, being only 18 years old.

AS THE CRITIC SEES US; PARTICULARLY RELATING TO "WASHINGTON-BRODERICK-YOLO"

Washington, Yolo Co.
(By Red Nil.)

San Francisco has her Trans-Bay "Burghs," but this is Sacramento's trans-river suburb.

"Washington" is the municipal name of our village, Broderick the Federal, and "Yolo" the tourist appellation.

Yes, "Yolo" is a tourist mecca—tourists come here from "The Heart of California," when our Capital City is holding her municipal elections.

Washington, we'll say, is a free town; it is free from city taxes, paved streets, street cars and "City Dads"; she also sent "over" quite a bunch of "Freedom Boys."

But let me tell you of some of our village celebrities and businesses. We'll speak of them only as kids and playthings, for grown-ups are only older kids, and their businesses new playthings, more or less; anyhow people don't get old in Washington (just ask the white-headed kid we call "Judge" or attend little Mattie's municipal "practice" dances). We'll play that I'm a "funny-picture man" and have drawn you a lot of pictures. Now, this first one at the top is Mattie, and the big white toy she is handing us is our new schoolhouse—of course some of us kicked about this matter just like "dad" does when he has to pay for all the Christmas presents, including his own, still we are right glad to have this splendid up-to-date toy, though it does make some of our other playthings look cheap. You see I've drawn a big, well-fed boy on top of the building, that means he is "holding it down." His name is Arthur; he has a fine bunch of girls helping him, too, but girls are so finical and particular that I don't like to draw them.

I want to tell you a little story about Arthur. Once upon a time (not long ago) one of our kids said to another: "Say, why do you use big words? Arthur don't use big words, he just calls us 'bone-heads.'" Well, the other thought that a good joke so he "sprung" it on Arthur. But our hero didn't seem to appreciate the jest for the next day he lined up those kids and demanded to know if he had ever called any of them "bone-heads," whereupon most of them answered "no" (leastwhile none of them answered yes). "No," he continued, "I did NOT call you boneheads, I would not use such language; I only told you not to be boneheads; now don't misquote me hereafter."

Arthur is another acquisition of Mattie's. I guess she told him that he could play here as long as he wanted to so far as she was concerned: he seems to like the place, too, anyhow we like him.

(2) Here is another picture of Mattie. She and the tall girl are not fighting; they are just pulling each other's hair for fun. "Mattie can hold her own, too."

(3) The next picture is of our Town Hall and "Fire Station No. 1," another of our play houses. It's a little old-fashioned, like most of our village, but it suits us. The stocky boy astirde the house is James—James don't get any marbles for "holding this down," and he wants to get off, but we won't let him.

On the hall porch you see a fine looking, square shouldered chap, who might pass for either Senator or parson. That is "Judge," and the big muscular one is Billie. Billie and Judge play Police Court. Billie brings in bad boys, to which Judge administers "the majesty of the law." Sometimes Judge smiles as he seems to say, "Oh, let us give him another chance, Billie, you know we are all just kids."

(4) You will notice in this next picture a big, intelligent looking "newsy" trundling his little wagon over the bridge toward "Yolo,"—that is Peter. Peter has "some punch," and he can do other things besides sell papers, but he seems to like the news business because, among other things, he can put in a few knocks, or perhaps do a little slugging once in a while. Jolly good fellow is Peter, and we are glad of his adoption.

(5) Here are three of our boys—"Jonny," Ed and Curtis, you see I pictured them loading schooners, but since large vessels are no longer safe of late I hear they have changed to the pony business.

Speaking of boats: We have a certain Robert here who is quite handy with water craft, but as to land boats, when they refuse to float he can just roll into "any old haystack and sleep till the morning dawns. Then there is Cassie; his ship plant is but a tumbledown relic of the pioneer days, nevertheless he is doing quite a bit toward getting the wheat and beans "over" so that our boys can shoot the Kaiser.

(6) The trim little chap with the long sleek doggie (wiener) is Eddie. Eddie has a partner, but I just wanted to say that Eddie is learning to dance and that he isn't married (yet) either.

(7) This big boy in the grocer's wagon is Pearl—no, not a girl. He keeps two or three of these wagons moving. You see he has Jimmy and Herbert to help him. Jimmy and Pearl are most generous and patriotic boys; they used to go out almost every Sunday to shoo (!) the ducks and geese off the crops so that the farmers could go to church. Pearl is one of those Hooverizing grocer boys. He makes us go fifty-fifty all right, still it is not Hooverizing to haul him around on his gas wagons.

(8) "Bobby, the old timer," who is flagging the S. P. crossing, is strong on religion and politics, although not strictly orthodox, nor is he a standpatter either. Bobby can argue "some," believe me bo, but don't try to out talk him, he'll flag YOU too.

(9) Those boys with the toy drums and tin horns are playing band. "Get tired of their noise?" No, indeed. They are doing fine and will be musicians some day. We are proud of them, even if some are a little off in tune.

(10) The boy on the water wagon is Henry; some naughty boys call him "Buck," but we don't like that name. Henry is a fine straight sober boy, but he don't always stay on the water wagon—no, he drives other wagons too.

(11) You see the chubby little fellow standing in the door of our "GRAND ROYAL ICE CREAM U. S. Postoffice?" That is Jack. Jack can play the most games of any kid you ever heard of. He plays Postoffice, Confectioner, News Agent, Labor Agent, News Correspondent, Recruiting Officer and Baby and Alien Registrar. You would hardly believe it, but Jack plays his games for sixteen hours a day and for seven days per week. Jack is learning to dance, too; perhaps he thinks it will help him in his games.

(12) Now, this last picture represents our S. P. passenger depot; it may remind you of an umbrella as to size, but it is really quite handy to keep off rain and sunshine while waiting for the motor which stops here.

We don't care if Sacramentans do call us "Yolo Mudhens," we admit that we can pick and scratch for ourselves.

HORRORS! SANCTIMONIOUS PRECINTS OF COUNTY SEAT WILL BE DEFINED BY ROUGH-NECKS

(Special to The Independent.)

Woodland, March 16.—Yip! Yip! The "town's" all "het up."

This city of spotless, stockyardless, saloonless fame, is going to have a fight. Yep—an honest-to-goodness quarrel.

Yip, again!

And what's more, it's going to be a series of rows.

Twelve gloved athletes are going to step into a roped arena and assail each other while seven or eight hundred sport lovers holler themselves hoarse.

The occasion is dated for Tuesday night, March 26, and it's said that the "natives" young and old have dotted down the time, so are to be there.

One Soldier Woods from San Francisco and one Frank Denny of Oakland, two battling rams, will meet in the final head-on collision. And it's sure going to be some bull fight, judging from the contests these two boys have put up at Sacramento. Neither scrapper is credited within thinking more than twice a month, and both boys are mixers of the Donnybrook school of boxing. It's sure slated to be some mill.

Then for the special events, the Yolo County seaters will bring together none other than Danny Nunes, a Sacramento boy who seeks to be Coast bantamweight champ, and Al Prouse, a terror from San Francisco.

Jimmy Marshall and Billy Papke, Capital City boys who couldn't settle their grudge at Sacramento because Marshall didn't think he'd get a square deal, will quarrel in another special bout in Woodland.

The prelims will bring together Young Willard, a six-footer, 193-pounder from Davis, and Soldier Mike Gorskie, a heavyweight from the Presidio in San Francisco; and Porter Diggs of Woodland and Toby Owens of San Francisco; and Joe Perry of Oak Park and Jimmy Doyle of Sacramento.

Headed by Jerome Barry, Billy Leinberger, Bob White and a few other stellar sportlights, it is thought that a big delegation of Washington fans will make the journey to help Woodland "dissipate" on March 26.

Let's all go, boys! It's seldom they get "het up" like this at the county seat.

LIBERTY LEAGUE LAUNCHED WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM

In the public school auditorium last Thursday evening a branch of the Liberty League of Yolo County was organized by many enthusiastic citizens of Woodland, accompanied by Judge W. A. Anderson, Fred Shafer and C. F. Evans as spokesmen of the evening.

With very short notice the meeting was called, yet the organization was perfected and officers elected to start out this worthy cause.

A whole carload of Woodland enthusiasts came from the county seat to help along and they were boosters. The Home Guard was particularly conspicuous.

Following the meeting 35 members signed the roll of membership and the following officers were elected: President, Frank Korrell; Vice-President, W. A. Parkinson;

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Events around the West Sacramento region

Daughters of the American Revolution meet

The Sacramento Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on December 13th at the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard. The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. with a special awards ceremony to follow at noon. The Madrigal Singers of Davis High School will also present "The Virtuosity of Madrigal Singing." For more information call 488-4189 or 783-0593.

Chorus singing

The Voice of the Valley Chorus will feature some of this regions best barbershop music in their upcoming holiday show, Season of Harmony, on December 11th at the Mesa Verde Performing Arts Center, 7501 Carriage Drive in Citrus Heights. Sweet Adeline and Barbershop Quartets will be featured, along with the Christian Brothers High School Ensemble. For ticket information and performance times call 332-8686 or visit VoiceoftheValley.org.

Stanford Settlement Xmas baskets

Sacramento's Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center is in its 35th year of providing Christmas baskets. Named Operation Cratchit, it is in need of cash contributions, new and unwrapped toys/gifts, canned or packaged food and new wrapping paper. If you would like to help, contact Sister Jeanne at 927-1303.

Mexican miniature paintings

A rare and varied collection of some of Mexico's most cherished and historic works of art, miniature religious paintings known as *retablos*, will be on display at California State University, Sacramento's University Library Gallery from Dec. 3 through Feb. 18. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

CSUS is located at 6000 J Street in Sacramento. For more information call 278-7897.

New SCC play

Storytime Theatre of Sacramento City College will present Mr. Toad's Christmas Carol on Saturdays and Sundays, November 20 to December 12. Tickets are $5. All performances will be held at 1 p.m. in Auditorium 6 and last about 40 minutes.

SCC is located at 3835 Freeport Boulevard in Sacramento, directly across from William Land Park. For further information, call 558-2174.

Model railroad club holds open house

The Vallejo Model Railroad Club will sponsor its annual Holiday Open House on December 11-12 in the Civic Building, on the Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, at Highway 37 and I-80
in Vallejo. The nationally recognized HO-scale model railroad will be featured. For more information call 707-643-1809.

Healthy aging

The UC Davis Center for Healthy Aging continues it's ongoing lecture series "Coming of Age 2004" at the UC Davis Cancer Center Auditorium located at 4501 X Street in Davis on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of each month through December from 6:30-8 p.m. The series is free to the public.

For more information and to obtain a schedule, call 734-6441.

New production at SCC

City Theatre at Sacramento City College will present *Return to the Forbidden Planet* through December 12th. Performances will be held in the Art Court Theatre at SCC, 3835 Freeport Boulevard in Sacramento. For ticket information and performance schedules call 558-2228.

New exhibit at Crocker Art Museum

Sacramento's Crocker Art Museum will present "Neo Mod: Recent Northern California Abstraction" from November 20 to January 30. The new exhibit will feature works about the contemporary cultural environment which unite tradition with innovation.

The Crocker Art Museum was founded in 1885 and is located at 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento. For more information call 264-5423.

YMCA childcare

Need a fun place for your child to play and learn during the day? Have you considered the YMCA? The YMCA offers licensed childcare for children ages 3 months to 12 years of age. The programs operate five days a week. The cost varies depending on the age of your child. Call 452-9622 ext. 111 for more information on locations and prices.

Folsom History Museum exhibit

Opening October 23rd and continuing through Feburary of next year the Folsom History Museum will host an extensive exhibit in conjunction with the Sacramento Art Deco Society. A variety of objects will be on display including toys, sheet music, figurines and much more.

The Folsom History Museum is located at 823 Sutter Street and will be open daily during August and September, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 985-2707.

Dude ranch visits

If you are planning a vacation for yourself or your family, visiting a dude ranch might be just what you're looking for. For information you can visit www.duderanch.org or contact The Dude Ranchers' Association, PO Box 2307, Cody, WY 82414 for a free directory of over 100 dude ranches in 12 western states and two Canadian provinces.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in December at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

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diseases through the donation process. Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. For information or an appointment, call Kriss Rankin, 617-4528.

Santa visits

Kids: Santa will visit the West Sacramento Elks Lodge on December 11 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and there will be games, stories, refreshments and Christmas stockings. 423 Third Street, West Sacramento.

Library to close

Yolo County library branches will close from Dec. 19 to Jan. 1 – a budget-cutting measure that will save money by putting employees on unpaid leavae during that time.

City service

The city of West Sacramento is seeking applications from those interested in serving on the following boards and commissions: Board of Appeals, Culture & Historic Preservation Commission, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission, Commission on Aging, Economic Development Advisory Commission, Housing Advisory Commission, Parks & Community Services Commission and Planning Commission. Visit the city website (www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us) or call 617-4500.


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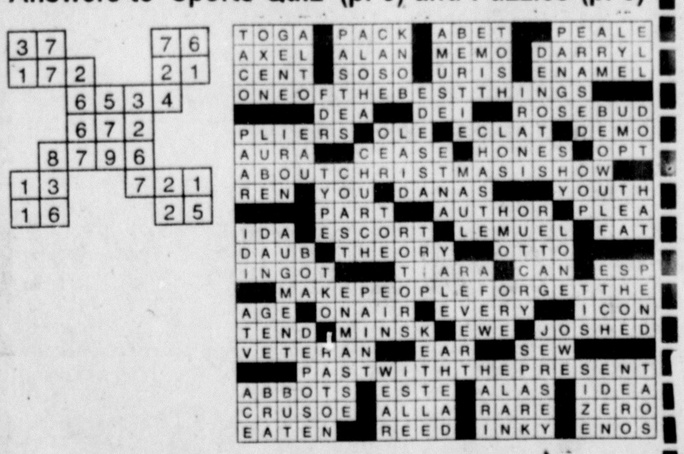
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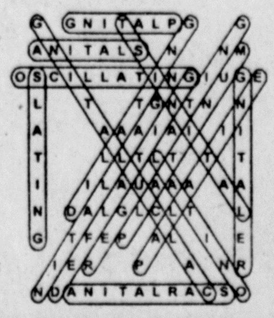
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Answers to 'Sports Quiz' (p. 3) and Puzzles (p. 8)



Differences: 1. Beads are missing. 2. Belt is missing. 3. Skateboard is missing. 4. Feeder is missing. 5. Collar is different. 6. Cap is different.



1. Arky Vaughn of Pittsburgh in 1941.
2. Bubbles Hargrave (.353 with Cincinnati in 1926) and Ernie Lombardi (.342 with Cincinnati in 1938 and .330 with the Boston Braves in 1942).
3. It was 1988.
4. Wilt Chamberlain (six times), David Thompson, Elgin Baylor and David Robinson.
5. The Detroit Red Wings in 1950.
6. It was 1988 (10 medals).
7. Tim Herron won in 1999.

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Hay ride

Southport Community Church is sponsoring a free hay ride and caroling session on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Bridgeway School and park, Promenade Street. There will be cookies, candy canes and hot chocolate, with passenger loading every 20 minutes. Call 372-7818 for more information.

Art for gifts

Buy a unique gift at a reasonable price. The West Sacramento Art Guild will sponsor an art fair with arts and crafts for sale from 6-8 p.m. on December 11 at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 664 Cummins Way. There will be oil paintings, watercolors, prints, stitchery and other works, for both sale and display. Fine arts printer John Ohlson will show how to cut a design into a block for inking and printing. A second fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 15 at the city hall galleria. The guild meets the last Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the senior center.

Military spouses

Help is available for military spouses through the Veterans of Foreign Wars "unmet needs" program. Need help? Call 1-866-789-6333 for application information.

Gifts for seniors

The West Sacramento Rotary Club will have a "giving tree" at Raley's in West Sacramento on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11-12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Choose the name of a senior in need, and fulfill their gift request. Your gift will be wrapped and delivered by Rotary volunteers. For more information, call Charyl Silva, 372-8383.

Orchestra

The West Sacramento Community Orchestra will perform free concerts on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. at the West Sacramento Civic Center and Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial United Methodist Church, 5401 Freeport Blvd. (near Fruitridge). The program will include Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze" as well as other pieces. For more information on the performance, or on joining the orchestra, call 991-5262.

Navy-Marine news

NASCAR racing figure and pro football player Terry Bradshaw is featured on the current Navy-Marine Corps News TV program on Charter Cable TV Channel 21, daily at 6:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Bradshaw co-owns the Navy car on the NASCAR circuit.

Christmas party

A children's Christmas Party is presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars #9498 in Bryte at 1208 Lisbon Ave. Ages 10 and under, accompanied by an adult, are welcome beginning 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 12. Santa will visit, and there will be clowns, refreshments and fun.

Adult basketball

The city's "5 on 5" adult basketball Sunday night league is accepting team applications. Registration is $340 per team (minimum of eight games, plus two rounds of playoffs). Games are played at River City High School. Call 617-4620 or sign up at the website, http://www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. Deadline is Jan. 7.

Holy Cross

Holy Cross School is looking for alumni to add to its newsletter mailing. Call Gaylene Rains-Jones at 372-7734.

Parents of twins

The Yolo Parents of Twins club will have its annual holiday party, Dec. 12, from 4-6 p.m. at the Davis library. All families with multiples are invited. Bring a dish to share. Call LeAnn at (530) 750-2594 for more information.

School concert

The student musicians of Golden State Middle School invite you to a band and choir concert on Wed., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the school gym.

Seniors' needs

A survey on the needs of county senior citizens will help determine how future resources will be allocated. The Area 4 Agency on Aging is co-sponsoring the surveys, which are available at West Sacramento City Hall (1110 West Capitol Avenue) at the front counter on the first floor, at the West Sacramento Senior Center (664 Cummins Way) and at the library on Merkley Avenue. Surveys are due by December 24.

Outstanding locals

The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for "West Sacramentan of the Year," "Businessperson of the Year" and "Business of the Year." Contact the chamber at 371-7042 for information.

Flu clinic

A county health department flu vaccination clinic will visit the West Sacramento Senior Center at 664 Cummins Way from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vaccinations will be available for $5 for those in the "high risk" category for flu: people over 65 years old, those who will be pregnant during flu season, health care workers, etc. Call 373-5819.

Babysitter class

The City of West Sacramento's parks department is offering the American Red Cross babysitter training course, including information on safety, first aid, feeding, diapering and interviewing for a job. Pre-registration is necessary. Open to students 11 and up. Call 617-4620.

Like your highways?

The California Department of Transportation is asking for feedback on the condition of state highways. Survey-takers will identify themselves by ZIP code and provide CalTrans with feedback. Visit www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi before January 5.

Hunter safety

The city parks department will offer a hunter's safety course on January 11-12. This is a state-mandated class for anyone receiving a hunting license in California, and will last 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. $10 for city residents; $15 for others. Open to those age eight and up. Call 617-4620 for more information.

Martial art

The city parks department offers an ongoing class in Tai-Chi-Chung, a self-defense strategy used primarily for gentle exercise. The class meats Mondays 7-8 p.m. and Wednesdays 7-8 a.m. at the civic center. Fee is $50 for five classes (may be taken anytime over a six-month period). Call 617-4620.

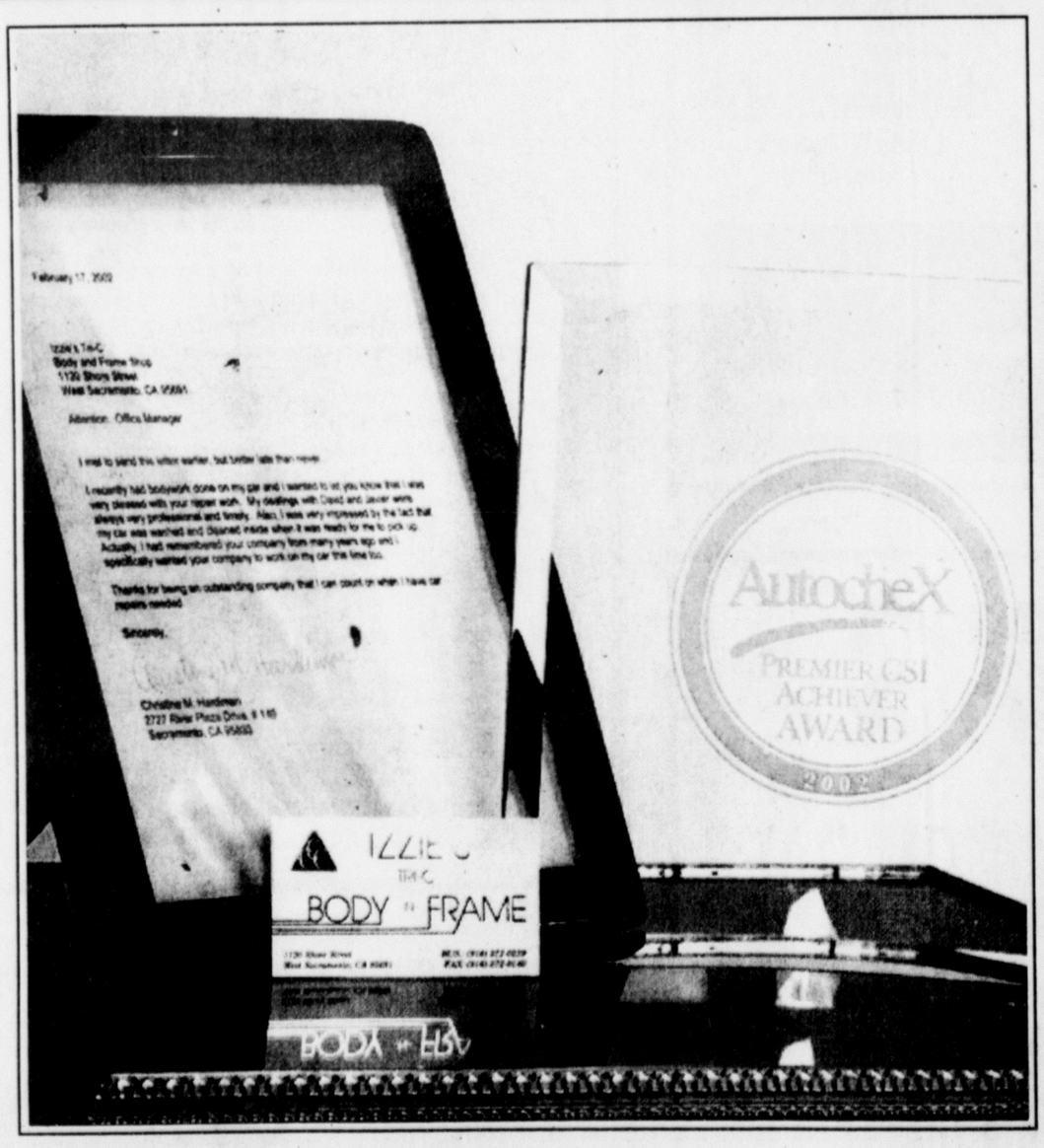
Preschool

There are openings for three-year olds at Discovery Preschool, operated by the City of West Sacramento at the Sam Combs Family Center, 205 Stone Blvd. The program acquaints kids with numbers, shapes, colors and the alphabet. Three-month session, fees vary. Students must be potty-trained. Call 617-4620.

Blood drive

The City of West Sacramento will sponsor a blood drive for BloodSource on Wed., Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at a mobile coach parked at the civic center at 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Each pint can help up to three patients in need. You cannot get AIDS or other

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